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REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application is anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102 or made obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-2, 6, 25 AND 33-34 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 6, 25 and 33-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the Bernhard et al. patent (US patent 6,275,942, issued August 14, 2001, hereinafter "Bernhard"). Although the Applicants disagree with the grounds of the rejection, the Applicants have nevertheless amended independent claim 1, from which claims 2 and 6 depend, in order to more clearly recite aspects of the present invention. Claims 25 and 33-34 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Particularly, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled claim 10, which depended from claim 1, as well as all intervening claims (*i.e.*, cancelled claims 3 and 4). As the Examiner indicated in the Office Action that claim 10 is allowable, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Bernhard. Thus, independent claim 1 fully satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and is patentable thereunder.

Dependent claims 2 and 6 depend from claim 1 and recite additional features therefore. As such, and for at least the same reasons set forth above, the Applicants submit that claims 2 and 6 are not anticipated by the teachings of Bernhard. Therefore, the Applicants submit that dependent claims 2 and 6 also fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and are patentable thereunder.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 3-5, 7, 12-21 AND 26-32 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 3-5, 7, 12-21 and 26-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as made obvious by Bernhard in view of the Smaha et al. patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,557,742, issued September 17, 1996, hereinafter "Smaha"). Although the

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Applicants disagree with the grounds of the rejection, the Applicants have nevertheless amended independent claims 1 and 12, from which claims 5, 13 and 16-18 depend, in order to more clearly recite aspects of the invention. Claims 3-4, 7, 14-15, 19-21 and 26-32 have been cancelled without prejudice.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled claim 10, which depended from claim 1, as well as all intervening claims (*i.e.*, cancelled claims 3 and 4). Independent claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled claim 22, which depended from claim 12, as well as all intervening claims (*i.e.*, cancelled claims 15 and 21). As the Examiner indicated in the Office Action that claims 10 and 22 are allowable, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 12, as amended, are not made obvious by the teachings of Bernhard in view of Smaha. Thus, independent claims 1 and 12 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §103 and are patentable thereunder.

Dependent claims 5, 13 and 16-18 depend from claims 1 and 12 and recite additional features therefore. As such, and for at least the same reasons set forth above, the Applicants submit that claims 5, 13 and 16-18 are not made obvious by the teachings of Bernhard in view of Smaha. Therefore, the Applicants submit that dependent claims 5, 13 and 16-18 also fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and are patentable thereunder.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants thank Examiner Wright for his comments regarding the allowability of claims 10-11 and 22-24, if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. As discussed above, the Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 12 to incorporate the limitations of claims 10 and 22, respectively, as well as all respective intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 12, and all claims depending therefrom, are now in allowable form.

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IV. NEW CLAIMS

The Applicant has included new claims 35-41 in the application. Claims 35 and 36 are directed toward computer program products having instructions stored thereon for executing the processes claimed in amended claims 1 and 12, respectively. Claim 38 recites the method of amended claim 1, from the perspective of the intrusion detection process, while claims 39-41 depend from claim 38. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 35-41 recite allowable subject matter and are in allowable form.

V. CONCLUSION


Thus, the Applicants submit that all of the presented claims now fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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